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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 1993

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

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Félicité Christine J. Ahouandogbo TALON (Benin)

Date and place of birth: 10 July 1952, Cotonou, Benin

Nationality: Beninese

Marital status: Married, five children

Military training: Patriotic, ideological and military training

Education

(a) Primary: 1958-1965: Our Lady of the Apostles School, Cotonou
Primary school certificate

(b) Secondary: Secondary school certificate, first cycle (Brevet Elémentaire du Premier Cycle); baccalauréat, July 1975

(c) Higher: 1975-1981: Bachelor's degree in general legal studies, 1978; Master's degree in legal sciences (1981 academic year)

Professional training: Practical training for the magistrature, 1981-1982;

Fellowship at the National School of the Magistrature, Paris, International Section, 1990-1991

Admission to the magistrature: 29 April 1983 by Decree No. 83-155

Professional appointment: 10 February 1984 by Decree No. 84-84 on the assignment of magistrates

Professional experience:

- Juvenile court judge, Courts of First Instance, concurrently in Cotonou and in Ouidad, from 1984 to April 1988;
- Juvenile court judge, Cotonou Court only, until August 1990;
- Judge authorized to approve Family Council minutes, 1984;
- Judge authorized to order attachment of earnings, 1986 to August 1990;
- Magistrate representing the Ministry of Justice on the National Film Censorship Board, 1984 to August 1990;
- Deputy Attorney-General, August 1990;
- Currently Counsel to the Court of Appeal.

Other experience:

Temporary lecturer at the National School of Administration (ENA), 1989 to 1990. Course taught: "The unhappy child".

November 1987, Cotonou: National seminar on "Protection of the unhappy child in the interests of harmonious social development in the Republic of Benin".

November 1988, Dakar, Senegal: Participation in the international symposium on the draft convention on the rights of the child.

Early September 1990: Participation in a seminar for artists, intellectuals and communicators in preparation for the World Summit for Children, held on 29-30 September 1990, which was attended by heads of State and Government of the least developed countries.

Late October-early November 1991, Harare, Zimbabwe: Participation in the international NGO forum on the implementation in Africa of the commitments made at the World Summit for Children by the heads of State and Government of the least developed countries.

25-30 November 1991: Participation in a seminar organized by ASTED.

4-6 February 1992: Preparations for the national seminar on giving publicity to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Cotonou, 1992: Participation in a seminar organized by the National Union of Preschool and Primary School Teachers (SYNEMEB).

November 1992: Participation in a seminar organized by the Audiovisual Authority.

Topics of lectures given

1. "Legislation for the protection of minors having delinquent status" (November 1987);

2. "The legal protection of children in the Republic of Benin" (1989);

3. "The rights of the child: purely moral precepts or legal norms?" (1991);

4. "The rights and duties of the child" (1992);

5. "The rights of the child: the Convention on the Rights of the Child (United Nations) and the African Charter of the Rights and Well-being of the Child (Organization of African Unity)".

Publication: Thesis for the master's degree in legal sciences, entitled Le billet à ordre: objet de mobilisation de crédits.

Interests: Films, reading, theatre

Other activities:

- Member of the International Association of Juvenile and Family Court Magistrates;

- Member of the Association of Women Jurists of Benin;

- National Secretary-General of the National Section of the International Movement for the Defence of Children's Rights.